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Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Summary: In the course of an 80-minute diatribe, the president of a London-based, pro-government human rights group denounced the "politi
- 2.(C) During a meeting with poloff December 6, Hasan Moosa Shafaei, a "part-time, independent human rights consultant" for the Bahraini Embassy
- 3.(C) A former exiled oppositionist, Shafaei provided a full-throttled defense of King Hamad's ten-year-old reform process. He said he was a cc
- 4.(C) Shafaei had little to say about the human rights situation in Bahrain, beyond praising the King's reforms. He stated that he established
- 5.(C) Comment: Shafaei is clearly aligned with -- and remunerated by -- the GOB and its efforts to improve its human rights reputation, and cou